(d) and (e) No candidate who is 9th standard drop out has ever been admitted in the course.

Increase in AIDS cases

442. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the increase in the AIDS cases in the country;

(b) if so, the State and Union Territory-wise position, as on date; and

(c) the remedial action taken in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Statement is enclosed. (*See* below)

(c) In order to prevent and control the spread of HIV/AIDS in India, a comprehensive Programme is currently under implementation throughout the country as a centrally sponsored scheme. The main strategy consists of:—

- — Strengthening programme management capabilities as central and state level.
- — Creation of awareness amongst high risk behaviour groups and general public about HIV/AIDS.
- — Control of Sexually transmitted diseases and condom promotion.
- — Promoting blood safety and rational use of blood through proper licensing of blood banks and encouraging voluntary blood donations.
- — Strengthening capacity for surveillance and diagnosis; and
- — Extending training in clinical Management of HIV/AIDS cases.

Statement

National AIDS Control Programme, India AIDS cases in India (Reported to NACO) (As on 31st October; 1999)

S.No.	STATE/UNION TERRITORY	AIDS CASES
1.	Andhra Pradesh	48
2.	Assam	32
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	0
4.	Andaman & Nicobar Island	0
5.	Bihar	3
6.	Chandigarh (U.T.)	—
7.	Punjab	100
8.	Delhi	219

S.No.	STATE/UNION TERRITORY	AIDS CASES
9.	Daman & Diu (U.T)	1
10.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0
11.	Goa	19
12.	Gujarat	137
13.	Haryana	1
14.	Himachal Pradesh	15
15.	Jammu & Kashmir	2
16.	Karnataka	193
17.	Kerala	106
18.	Lakshadeep (U.T.)	0
19.	Madhya Pradesh	281
20.	Maharashtra	3379
21.	Orissa	2
22.	Nagaland	23
23.	Manipur	345
24.	Mizoram	12
25.	Meghalaya	8
26.	Pondicherry	141
27.	Rajasthan	86
28.	Sikkim	2
29.	Tamilnadu**	4128
30.	Tripura	0
31.	Uttar Pradesh	164
32.	West Bengal	57
	Total:	9504

**Updated figures.

Popularity of Ayurvedic Hospitals of Gujarat in Foreign Countries

443. SHRI PRAFULL GORADIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) which Ayurveda hospitals in Gujarat are gaining popularity in foreign countries, particularly in Germany, Switzerland, France, Italy, etc.;

(b) whether these hospitals are treating any particular ailments;